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APPLICANT : Se-Chang KWON, ET. AL.
SERIAL NO. : to be assigned
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FOR MODIFIED HUMAN GRANULOCYTE-COLONY
STIMULATING FACTOR AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING SAME

EXAMINER : Not available GROUP: not available

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5,17, and 18 of record. A copy of claims 5,17, and 18 as amended and a copy of claims 5,17, and 18 in the amended format is attached hereto.

Please add claims 22-26 as attached hereto.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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| 5 (Amended) | A DNA encoding the modified hG-CSF of [any one of claims 1 to 4] <u>claim 1</u> . |
| 17 (Amended) | The expression vector of [claim 7 or 8] <u>claim 7</u> , which is pT14SS1SG, pT14SS1S17SEG, pTO1SG, pTO1S17SG, pTO17SG OR pBAD2M3V17SG. |
| 18 (Amended) | A microorganism transformed with the expression vector according to [claim 7 or 8] <u>claim 7</u> . |

CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS

- 5 A DNA encoding the modified hG-CSF of claim 1.
- 17 The expression vector of claim 7, which is pT14SS1SG, pT14SS1S17SEG, pTO1SG, pTO1S17SG, pTO17SG OR pBAD2M3V17SG.
- 18 A microorganism transformed with the expression vector according to claim 7.

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REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed prior to examination.

Claims 5,17, and 18 have been amended herein and dependent claims 22-26 added to obviate the need for three multiple dependent claims.

An early favorable allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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